

Meredith students do their part in serving Raleigh

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Service Raleigh is an annual event, those who volunteered from Meredith hope to do it again.

What could get 1,600 college students out of bed at 9 a.m. on a Saturday morning? Give up? Service Raleigh 2000 did it this past Saturday, Apr. 8. Sponsored by Home Depot, Applebee's, Carolina Power & Light, Alltel Pavilion, Two Guys, Harris Teeter, Ragazzi's, Pepsi, University Towers and many others, Service Raleigh is in its second year.

Twenty-four Meredith students participated in the event. Though it began as a freshman class service project, six Meredith Recreation Association and Astrotekton Society members joined the 18 freshmen. Meeting at 8:30 Saturday morning, the students went to N.C. State to receive their work assignment.

The students were assigned to work with the non-profit organization Keep America Beautiful at Lake Lynn. The Meredith crew had a section in which they planted trees and spread mulch over the fresh plantings. One hundred-twenty other volunteers were also at Lake Lynn covering other areas.

Some of the supervising adults noted that the Meredith students worked quite hard. The Meredith volunteers received a break when it was lunch time. The rest of the day, however, the students were hard at work.

"It was great to get out in the community and help out by planting trees. I learned a lot, plus the people were so appreciative that it felt good to be up at 7:30 on a Saturday," said freshman Alexia Andrews.

The project was organized by two of the freshman class service co-chairs, Amanda Austin and Joelle Wike.

"It was impressive that 1600 people were gathered at the brickyard at NC State at 9 a.m. on a Saturday morning to help Raleigh out," said Austin. The co-chairs said that they were very pleased at how the day turned out.



These Meredith students pause from their hard work at Service Raleigh 2000 on Saturday.

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Capstone class sponsors art sale

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The Capstone class Truth or Dare is sponsoring an art sale that runs from now through Friday, Apr. 28.

The art will be sold in the Cate Center, in Belk Dining Hall, at theater productions and at art shows. The art is work done by Meredith students and includes photographs, watercolors and more.

The cost is \$10 for an unmatted work of art and \$20 for a matted work of art. All works were chosen by Dr. Rebecca Bailey, a professor in the art department. Proceeds will go to the Kenny Lewis Memorial Project.

Lewis, son of Mara Lewis, lost his battle to cancer this year. His family is now faced with large medical bills. Lewis is a faculty member in the art

department at Meredith. The family was chosen as the benefactors of the art sale because they met the criteria of the Truth or Dare class.

To be eligible as a benefactor, you must be a member of the Meredith community (faculty, staff, alumnae or student) and have faced a crisis, including natural disasters, fires or illness in the family.

Truth or Dare needs this project to be a success to complete their course, said junior Christian Melvin, a student in the class. The Truth or Dare class must achieve a goal that benefits the community in a broader context. In all Capstone classes, students must work in projects to improve their community service.

There are five students in the Truth or Dare class, taught by professor of mathematics Dr. Gwen Clay and professor of politics Dr. Barbara True-Weber. The choices for the project are up to the students in the class; these students chose an art sale for their community project.

Clay said, "It is all theirs. We asked them to do a project that would make an impact. This one is good, is it not?" The students hope that the art sale will continue. The next sections of the class will be able to choose the benefactors of the art sale.

Melvin is very excited about the art sale and thinks it will be a huge success and a good way for Meredith students to help out their community.

Fellow class member Nancy Richardson said, "It's a great project set up to benefit a great cause." The class encourages everyone in the Meredith community to venture out and see the art by fellow students.

Clefhangers delight crowd

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Cameron Talbert agreed. "Everyone always enjoys them. They come every year," said the MEA president, to whom the group sang a rendition of "Happy Birthday."

Sophomore Emily Stewart was also serenaded by the Clefhangers. "I found them charming," she reported. "Two thumbs up!"

Last Wednesday, an unusual sight appeared on Meredith's campus. A group of more than a dozen males wearing khaki pants filed into Belk Dining Hall on Wednesday, Apr. 5 at 5:30 p.m. They were the Clefhangers, the all-male a cappella singing group from UNC-Chapel Hill, providing entertainment for the Meredith Entertainment Association's twice-yearly picnic.

The picnic, originally intended to be held outside in the courtyard, was moved to the Belk Dining Hall instead.

The singers delighted their audience with a variety of tunes, including "Black Balloon," "No Woman No Cry," and "Carolina in My Mind."

"They were [good looking] and they could sing," reported junior Sherry



The Clefhangers sing to the crowd at last Wednesday's MEA picnic.

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